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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF U.S. MILITARY SURVEY MISSION TO  
SOMALIA  
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1. FOLLOWING FOR POSTS' GUIDANCE ARE ANSWERS POSTED JUNE 5  
TO QUESTIONS TAKEN BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEF-  
ING JUNE 2:

Q. WHEN DID WE GET SOMALIA'S ASSURANCES? WHAT FORM  
DID THEY TAKE? WHAT WAS THE CHRONOLOGY?

A. WE HAVE HAD A SERIES OF VERBAL AND WRITTEN EXCHANGES  
WITH THE SOMALIS CULMINATING IN A LETTER FROM SOMALI PRESI-  
DENT SIAD TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN MOGADISCIO DATED APRIL 29.  
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Q. DO THE ASSURANCES COVER SOMALI SUPPORT FOR OTHERS  
SUCH AS THE OGADEN INSURGENTS?

A. THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE STANDARD  
PROVISION IN ALL U.S. MILITARY SALES AGREEMENTS THAT U.S.  
ARMS OR EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PARTIES

WITHOUT PRIOR U.S. CONSENT. THIS PROVISION WOULD COVER TRANSFERS TO THE OGADEN INSURGENTS OR ANY OTHER GROUP.

Q. IS IT EXPLICIT IN THE ASSURANCES THAT SOMALIA RECOGNIZES ITS BORDERS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS?

A. THE ASSURANCES INDICATE SOMALIA'S INTENTION TO ABSTAIN FROM THE USE OF FORCE OTHER THAN FOR ITS OWN INTERNAL SECURITY OR THE DEFENSE OF ITS INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED TERRITORY. SINCE A PORTION OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA PRESENTLY CONSISTS OF A "PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE LINE" WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A PERMANENT BORDER, A REFERENCE TO BORDERS COULD BE SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION. THE ASSURANCES THAT SOMALIA HAS GIVEN AMOUNT TO A PLEDGE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, WHICH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE COMMITMENT PRESIDENT CARTER ASKED SOMALIA TO MAKE.

Q. DOES RECEIPT OF THE ASSURANCES MEAN THE U.S. WILL NOW BE WILLING TO APPROVE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS TO SOMALIA?

A. THE RECEIPT OF THE ASSURANCES DOES NOT MEAN WE WOULD AUTOMATICALLY APPROVE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS. OUR DISCUSSIONS OF MILITARY SUPPLY TO DATE HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON THE QUESTION OF DIRECT SALES. IN ANY EVENT, THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS OF U.S. MATERIAL, IF AUTHORIZED, WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE COVERED BY THE SAME RESTRICTIONS AS DIRECT SALES.

Q. WHEN WILL THE SURVEY TEAM GO TO SOMALIA?

A. THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SURVEY TEAM, INCLUDING THE DATES OF A VISIT TO SOMALIA BY SUCH A TEAM, REMAIN UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT. VANCE

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